

Finance Committee
August 4, 2008
5:45 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 5:50pm

Roll Call: Present for roll call was Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon and Mr. Jarvis.
Also in attendance: Mayor Ebert, Nanisa Osborn (Finance Director) and Christopher Strayer (Development Director).

Mrs. Mershon moved to accept the minutes from the July 7th, 2008 meeting. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon**
 NAYS:
 Motion carried.

Pended Items:

05-17 Greenfield Development TIF & Incentive Agreement – Nothing to report.

New Items for Discussion

08-22 Amendment to the Appropriation Ordinance

Ms. Osborn stated that the appropriation amendments requested are as follows...

County Taxes – The property acquired by the Village this year has taxes assessed until the exemption paperwork comes through and the approval has not been received yet from the State.

Mr. Jarvis asked if refunds are given when the approval comes through. Ms. Osborn stated that yes, they refund up to three years of payments.

Technology account – Higher than anticipated expenses were accrued when the server room was relocated and all the T1 lines were installed.

Bike Path – We chose not to pursue legal domain and as a result, the Court awarded the defendant legal fees.

Debt Service – This is debt service on the Diley Road special assessment.

Fuel for Street Dept. – There is funding left, but Mr. Snyder is worried that it will not last through the rest of the year with the rising cost of fuel.

Mrs. Mershon will be the sponsor and moved to take the appropriations to full Council. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon**
 NAYS:
 Motion carried.

08-23 Issue 2 Resolution for Thrush Drive

Ms. Osborn stated that this resolution authorizes the need to reimburse the Village for the bills paid during the construction project. Small vendors are usually paid locally and then the Village is reimbursed.

Mr. Jarvis asked for clarification. Ms. Osborn noted that though the project is awarded to one general contractor, smaller projects are encompassed within that, for example, tree planting. These smaller bills are usually paid for by the Village and then the Village requests reimbursement from the State, but she needs permission to do that.

Mrs. Mershon moved to bring this to full Council. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion and will sponsor the resolution.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon
NAYS:
Motion carried.

08-24 Round 23 Issue 2 (SCIP/LTIP) Application
--Resolutions & Public Meeting

The Village is in the process of determining what will be the appropriate application for the Round 23 Issue 2 grant application. It will be a Gender Road intersection, but we don't know which intersection. The application is due in late September, so legislation will have to be brought forth that authorized the application to be submitted and a public meeting will be held.

The two intersections in discussion at this time are Gender / Winchester Blvd and Gender / Fox Hill Dr. The engineers are helping to make the final decision. Traffic counts are being done at this time. Anything funded by Round 23 will not be funded until 2010.

Mr. Jarvis stated that both are on the radar for CIP and we are looking for where relief will be found as far as funding. Ms. Osborn noted that we are looking for which intersection has the greatest probability of being funded and which will give us the most improvement for the money.

Mr. Deeds asked if there was a worksheet to show their information. Ms. Osborn stated that everything is pre-scored, so that we have an idea of where we will land in the application. The variable is what the other communities are submitting.

Mr. Jarvis noted that OPWC provides low or no interest loans and asked if there are grants also. Ms. Osborn stated that yes, it is a combination of grant and loan money.

Mrs. Mershon asked what the proposed improvements were for the intersections. Ms. Osborn stated turn lanes being corrected and ability for additional traffic movement. Public safety is a criterion.

This will be moved to a pended item and will come before Finance at a later meeting.

08-25

Update to Mayor's Court Costs

-New Fee imposed by State of Ohio \$10.00 to be added

House Bill 562 passed and has assessed an additional \$10 in court cost on any moving violation. The bill will take effect on September 23rd; therefore, Ms. Osborn is recommending the fines be raised to reflect this \$10 increase.

Mr. Deeds asked about "costs" vs. "court costs". Ms. Osborn clarified that "costs" are added if someone elects not to go to court and just pays the ticket. If someone comes to court, they are assessed fines + "costs" + "court costs".

Mr. Deeds asked how the computer fund is doing. Ms. Osborn stated that it has about \$24,000.

Mr. Jarvis moved to take this to full Council. Mr. Paini seconded the motion and agreed to sponsor the legislation.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Development Director's Report:

Mr. Strayer reported that Manifold & Phalor is in the later stages of buying 7 or 8 acres in the Industrial Park, moving from the Brice Road area. They are bringing 30 jobs and hope to add another 60% in 2009. They are building a 30,000 sq ft building. They are coming here for the Foreign Trade zone.

Mr. Jarvis asked what they do. Mr. Strayer stated that they are a custom metal work facility. They do a lot of metal work for out of state and out of the country.

Mr. Strayer needs Council President Deeds and Mayor Ebert to help assemble a packet of information to send to the US Customs office in Washington DC for the Foreign Trade Zone Board.

KCDG will be back in P&Z on Monday. They have revised their site plan per our comments.

Mr. Jarvis asked if there would be a meeting with P&Z before next Monday to go over another proposed change. Ms. Osborn stated that she is trying to plan a meeting on Thursday the 7th.

The hospital has been in the Planning Commission. They have sent revised rendering and made some changes to accommodate the wishes of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Strayer and Mr. Neimayer met with an apartment complex developer and they are looking into possibly doing something in the Groveport Road corridor.

Mr. Jarvis asked if that would require re-zoning and Mr. Strayer stated that it would not.

Mrs. Mershon stated that she thought that condos were approved for that area, not apartments. Mr. Strayer stated that, it is in fact apartments. It would have to go to Planning Commission but would not require Council approval.

Finance Director's Report:

Ms. Osborn stated that the BWC is coming to do a premium audit in the next few days.

Other Business:

Mr. Deeds noted that the grant request from CW Human Services for \$14,000 was tabled and needs discussed. He noted that the request can be changed in a way that it could be monitored as to how it is spent.

Mr. Jarvis stated that this is a worthy cause and it provides a much needed service to the Community.

Mrs. Mershon stated that we have a duty to monitor how the money is spent.

Mr. Jarvis asked how that could be done. It is not currently set up to have any checks & balances.

Discussion ensued.

It was decided to grant the \$14,000 request with the requirement that the money is spent on programs only and with the money exclusively administered by the Finance Director on an as needed basis. Details will be worked out by Ms. Osborn and the Director of Human Services.

Mr. Jarvis moved to take this to full Council. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon**
 NAYS:
 Motion carried.

Mr. Jarvis will meet with the Human Services Board to share with them the reasoning behind the additional requirements.

Mrs. Mershon moved to adjourn this meeting of the Finance Committee and was seconded by Mr. Paini.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon**
 NAYS:
 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm